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CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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STATE OFFICE OF MEDIA PRODUCTION



Yep, we know: Last year seemed to last forever but still felt like a blur. That's why our office decided to ask the executive directors from each of Iowa's film festivals to submit their favorite short films of 2020 for a statewide showcase. **We curated five of the best films into an hour-long show reel that highlights what you may have missed.** It's available for private screenings, so keep your eye out for one near you – or schedule one of your own by contacting [E.J. Philby](#).

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## Julien Dubuque International Film Festival April 18-25



If you've ever gone to the film festival in Dubuque, you know that **Tim Connery of DreamCatcher Productions** (pictured, above) always comes up with a creative way to begin each film block with sponsor recognitions. This year is pretty epic: **Take a**

### JDIFF at 10

For its 10th anniversary, the Julien Dubuque International Film Festival is going big. Organizers of the April 18-25 event are **combining the films that were supposed to be screened in 2020 with a fresh batch of films for 2021.** And if that isn't big enough, they're **re-creating a World War II military camp** in a local park to help promote a new **documentary about D-Day**. There is a lot to see and do next week in Dubuque!

**look** at the behind-the-scenes video and then see the film itself next week at the festival.

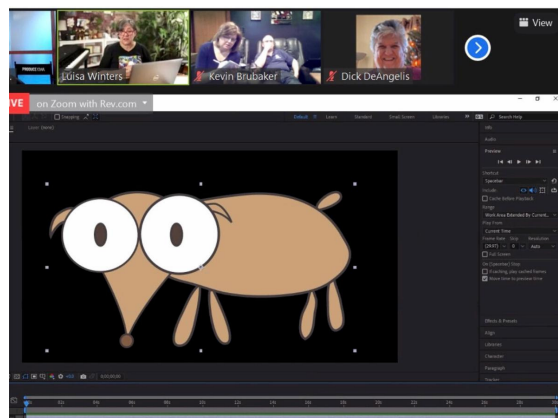
[WATCH THE BEHIND-THE-SCENES VIDEO](#)

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## MediaMasters Update

**“Excellent presentation ... two hours went by so fast ... higher-level invaluable tips.”**

The reviews are in, and the April 3 editing class was a success. Now we're gearing up for **"Cinematic Color Grading"** this Saturday, April 17, and then our final spring class, **"Creating Film Scores and Working with Composers,"** on May 1. We're excited to partner with the Iowa Arts Council to help filmmakers and musicians connect to local partnerships and opportunities. **Registration required.**



**REGISTER TODAY!**

## Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants



In addition to our annual Greenlight Grants, don't forget about this year's new **Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants for Artists**. Iowa artists and filmmakers can take advantage of this opportunity for strategic goals related to creative projects and/or the professional enhancement of their career or work. This could include **submission fees for festivals, equipment purchases, costs for training or attendance at conferences, paying other artists** and more. You cannot apply for **both grants**, so choices ... choices ... but choose before May 3!

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## NEH partnership with DCA

The National Endowment for the Humanities **recently designated** the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs as its interim state humanities partner, in recognition of the department's commitment to serving Iowans and its effective stewardship of federal funds through its ongoing work with the NEH and other federal agencies. In its new role, **the department will work with constituents throughout 2021 to serve and strengthen the humanities and culture throughout the state.**



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The department will seek input from Iowa's humanities sector and national peer groups to develop programs that meet the current needs of Iowans. New programs will be announced when the public input process is completed at the end of 2021.

In the meantime, the department will invest NEH funds in humanities programs that foster discussion and promote civic engagement and learning across Iowa. Interested? The next deadline for grant applications is May 3.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT HUMANITIES GRANTS](#)

## Iowa Motion Picture Association Awards



Thank you to everyone who participated or donated to the IMPA Telethon. It was a success and a springboard to the **IMPA Awards Gala** next month at the Bridge View Center in Ottumwa. **Mark your calendars for May 22** to attend the 30th show, with emcee **Ricky Barlett**, entertainers **Austin Myers** and **Daniel Scott** and speaker **Greg Zebowski**.

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## Mentor Advantage Program

Community Youth Concepts is currently **searching for a female in the video production field who would be interested in volunteering as a mentor**. The **Mentor Advantage Program** is a career-based mentoring program that helps youth learn about interesting careers. Pairs meet for four hours each month for a year, and scheduling time together is flexible. Mentors are encouraged to give their mentee a behind-the-scenes look at their career field and spend time engaging in activities of mutual interest. The



mentee should be a 7th grade female in the Des Moines area who is hoping to learn about video production and scriptwriting. More information about the program is available by contacting John Preston at [john@cycconepts.org](mailto:john@cycconepts.org).

## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

Apr. 17: **MediaMasters: Cinematic Color Grading**

Apr. 18-25: **Julien Dubuque International Film Festival**

May 1: **MediaMasters: Creating Film Scores & Working with Composers**

May 3: **Deadline for Greenlight Grants**

May 3: **Deadline for Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants – Artists**

May 22: **IMPA Awards Gala**

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